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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for

SUBJECT.

Rail dacoity on the Kolar Bowringpet Road.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

REVENUE AND GENERAL, DEPARTMENTS

Short Office Note.

*Subject Mail Dacoity.

Letter No. 900/70 d: 4-9-02 from I.G. of Police

Submitting a detailed report on the ——

that occurred on 25th May 1902.

Note

Submitted with two drafts for approval.

S/V
11/9/02

Hm
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To the Dewan

RD. 5.14.02
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To.

The First Asstt to the
Resident.

No.:

Date:

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. 719/970 dated the 5th July 1902, regarding the dacoity committed on a mail cart on the Bavingpet - Kolar Road on the night of the 25th May 1902, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident, a copy of the detailed report on the subject furnished by Mr. Thom Superintendent of Police, Kola

Record to be
Sent: but has this a pending
Repce from Resr:

There is no repce from the Dy. pending 1879
But we are rqd to remind
the Resr. with full particulars.
in our first letter, we hinted that the case
she had identified. the present
says there is little chance of detection.
Shall Rec'd & the file.

Gold Fields, and to observe that there seems little or no chance of the dacoits being detected.

2. With a view to prevent future attacks, if has been arranged that the Police Constable should be travelling in the cart ~~is being~~ armed with a loaded musket, and ~~has been~~ ordered to shoot down dacoits if the mail is attacked by them. As a further precautionary measure, the local Police have been instructed to take action under Sec: 110 of the Criminal Procedure Code against bad characters and to enforce the systematic surveillance of known depradators.

I have etc

Secretary.

2630.
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

SECTION Police
FILE No. 14 [illegible] 01
SERIAL No. 15

Dated
Despatched 6 September 1902
Received
General No. 920
No. [illegible]
Enclosure No. one [illegible]

Submitting a copy of further
report No 47 dt 20-8-1902
on the Prevention of Illicit
Kolar Gold Fields regarding
the Mail Robbery Case
accused & on the 25-5-1902

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Bangalore

No. 900 / 7° Dated 4th September 1902.

Enc. one file

From C. Madiah Esqre Rao Bahadur

~~THE~~ INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To H. V. Nanjundayya Esqre M A M.L

~~THE~~ SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
in the GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

In continuation of correspondence ending with this office letter no 36/4 Dt. 10 of the 2nd July 1902, I have the honor to submit copy of a further report no 47 of the 20th ultimo from the Superintendent of Police of the Kolar Gold Fields regarding the Mail Dacoity that occurred on the 25th May 1902, and state that I am at one with the latter officer in considering that the Police constable escorting the mail Gutka should be armed with a loaded musket and ordered to shoot down dacoits if

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the mail is attacked by them. As a further precautionary and preventive measure the local Police have been instructed by me to take action under Section 110 of the Criminal Procedure Code against bad characters and to have a systematic Surveillance of K.Dos. These measures if strictly enforced should prevent future attacks on Mail Puthas.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

D Mackenzie

Inspector General of Police

K.S.

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1902

From

P. B. Thomas Esqr

District Superintendent of Police

To Kolar Gold Fields

The Inspector General of

Police in Mysore

Bangalore

Dated 20.8.02.

Despatched Three the Deputy Comm

Received

General No. 47

No.

Enclosure No. One.

His No: 573/324 dated 13.6.02 calling for further report in the mail cart dacoity that occured near Bowringpet on the night of the 28th May 190

Hav the honor to submi herewith the further report called for in the above.

Sd/ P. B. Thomas.

Distt Superintendent of Pole

Kolar Gold Fields.

Camp Inams No: 182/Enc 1

* Forwarded. There seems little or no chance of this case being worked out. Prevention is better than Cure, and constables escorting the Kappal Jatha must be armed with muskets and ordered to shoot if attacked.

Sd/ F. C. Carr.

D. C.

21.8.02.

File no 8 of 1902

Report

I On the night of the 25th May 1902, about 9 P M, information was received at the Kavka Station, Bowringpet, that the mail Jatka from Kolar to Bowring-pet had been attacked by dacoits on the road near the 1st mile stone from Bowringpet, and that the mail bags etc had been made away with, and the Jatka driver, and the passengers to-gether with the beat constable who was escorting the mail, roughly handle

II On receipt of the information, the acting Amildar and the Inspector proceeded to the spot at once, having sent

sent out the Jemadar and other men in different directions, and made a thorough search in the surrounding jungles. They also sent intimation to the Pokhads and the Anagamahally outpost on the road. The Peties and Constables in these Pokkads were immediately employed in beating the jungles on both sides of the road.

III

At about 12 P. M. on the same night, they found some mail bags near a valley about half a mile from the scene of occurrence, near Karahally village. The bags had been torn and emptied. The contents consisting of letters and registered articles had been thrown about on the ground.

They

They collected the villagers and made a list of all the articles that were found, and handed them over to the Postal authorities at Bonningfet. The Postmaster said that some more bags were still missing, and a further search was made. The next morning 3 small empty bags and a leather cash bag were found in an adjoining Valley. They were also handed over to the Post Master.

IV

The Postal Inspector came in the mean time and inspected all the articles and bags that had been found and said that three more small bags were still missing.

Nothing

Nothing more was found in the further V
Searches made.

Information was sent by the Postal VI
Inspector to Kolar, Chintamani and
Kuchagal Post Offices to ascertain
the contents of the registered letters that
had been lost.

The Police went to the surrounding VII
villages namely Birandahally, Ankon-
dahally, Ajithandahally and Sirena-
hally, collected the Patels and the
villagers, and told them to go round
the Jungles and gather information
in the Case. They did so but to no
effect.

The District Superintendent of VIII
Police, arrived at Bowringpet and
made enquiries into the Case the next

morning

morning.

IX

The marginally noted men were placed on special duty for more than a fortnight, in different directions viz towards Mangli, in the Chickballapur Taluk and towards Kolar, and Srinivaspur Taluks. The men that went on special duty visited several places in the said Taluks, but with no result.

Several lists of the existing gangs in the Taluk were searched by the Inspector and the Jemadar and enquiries were made in the British territory at Barki, Bisanatham, Koppa Jalarpet, and Tirupatthur but no clue was obtained.

1 Abdul Khader No: 88 Syed Usman
2 1st class constable No 155 Osman
3 — do — do — 606 Syed Rahman
4 — do — do — 202 Sheik Bandam
5 2nd — do — — 535 Mohammad Akbar
6 — do — do — 333 Viswan Nadar
7 — do — do — 561 Sheik Mydin
8 — do — do — 231 Ayoka

How the dacoity actually took place
described below:—

X

The mail jatka left Kolar about
P.M. on the 25th May 1902 as usual
ree passengers namely 1. Doorniah,
Bhimoji Row and Rahimdeg were
seated in it, and one Police Constable
who was relieved at every cokkad,
escorted the mail. From the 2nd
mile Cokkad from Bowringpet, Con-
stable No: 50 Narasinga Row escorted
the mail. Near the 1st mile stone
from Bowringpet, the jatka man
suddenly stopped by a gang of da-
coits about 10 or 15 in number, and
was pulled into the ditch. The
driver and the Constable were beaten
and the latter received severe injury

on

on his knees. Both he and the driver fell down, and the thieves then dragg out the passengers, and removed their clothes etc, to the value of Rs 19/- and odd. They snatched a bayonet from t Constable's hand, took the mail bags from the Jet and ran away.

XI The Constable and one of the passe -gers namely Rahimbeg received injuries on their legs and knee. The others had none.

XII It was also ascertained that ano -ther Jatka that came from Kolar and passed the mail Jet while the peobliers were engaged in looking it but escaped being attacked by galloping fast.

The following Police and Constables were present on the night of the occurrence in the places noted against their names.

I Const: No: 50 Naraninga Row
Toti Kariga
} In the 1st Cocktail, 2nd mile from Bowringpet

II Const: No: 410 Thima
Toti Kencha
Talari Byeka
} In the 2nd Cocktail, 3rd mile from Bowringpet.

III Const: No: 405 Thimmarayappa of Anagamakally post Kamagal &c
Thalari Kariga
Thoti Byeka
} In the 3rd Cocktail 4th mile from Bowringpet.

IV Thoti Hamma
- do - Kariga
} In the 4th Cocktail.

V Const: No: 448 Venkat Row
- do - 468 Ramiah
} In the Anagamakally out post

XIV

All that the passengers and the Constable can say about the dacoits is that they looked like Maddarasan Korachas and that they talked Telugu and Tamil. Further attempts are being made to work out the case

Sd/- P. B. Thomas.

Distt Supdt of Police

Kolar Gold Field.

Copy

[signature]

Inspector General of Police

RD.

Feb 20 & 21 '01

2 Drafts

Read:-

Letter No. 900/70 dated 4th September 1902, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Submitting a copy of the detailed report on the mail dacoity that occurred on the Kolar-Bowringpet Road on the night of the 25th May 1902 and stating that he ~~considers~~ agrees with the Dept. Cons. Kolar District in considering that the Police Constable escorting the mail jutka should be armed with a loaded musket and ordered to shoot dacoits if the mail is attacked by them and that as a further precautionary measure he has instructed the local Police to take action under Section 110 of the Cr. Procedure Code against bad characters and to enforce systematic

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surveillance of K. R. S.

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Order thereon. No. 19/9/02
J. 364

Recommends the remark that The action of the Inspector General is approved. — Here was no reason why that precaution was taken should not have been adopted previously —

Orders have ~~already~~ been passed regarding the arming of the Police Constable travelling in the Mail. Cart in Govt. proceedings No. 718 X / 869 dated the Police-7-78-c 8-13.

16th July 1902.

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Secretary.

11/9/02

To The D. G. of Police in Mysore.